CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, : Order Docketing and Dismissing

LOWER UMPQUA, AND SIUSLAW : Appeal

INDIANS,

Appellant :

:

V.

Docket No. IBIA 95-50-A

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ACTING SUPERINTENDENT, SILETZ : AGENCY, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, :

Appellee : November 30, 1994

On November 28, 1994, the Board received a notice of appeal from the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, through counsel, Dennis J. Whittlesey, Esq., Washington, D.C. Appellant seeks review of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued by the Acting Superintendent, Siletz Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, on October 24, 1994. The FONSI concerns a proposed business lease of a 12.42 acre tract by the Coquille Indian Tribe to the Coquille Economic Development Corporation.

The Board does not have jurisdiction to review decisions of BIA Superintendents. Instead, Superintendents' decisions must be appealed to the appropriate Area Director. See 25 C.F.R. 2.4(a); 43 C.F.R. 4.331(a). In this case, that is the Portland Area Director.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 C.F.R. 4.1, this appeal is docketed and dismissed as premature.

Anita Vogt Administrative Judge

Kathryn A. Lynn Chief Administrative Judge